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SUBJECT: UNESCO 18TH GENERAL CONFERENCE:ITEM 12.1:
DUTCH "PEACE" RESOLUTION SUBMITTED AS COUNTER TO SOVIET
BLOC EFFORTS ON PEACE, ANTI-COLONIALISM AND ANTI-APARTHEID
THEMES.

REF: PARIS 26849

1. DEPT. AGREES THAT DUTCH DR IS DESERVING OF U.S. SUPPORT,
AND DEL. IS AUTHORIZED TO VOTE FOR IT BUT NOT TO CO-SPONSOR.
(FYI:REASON FOR OUR INABILITY TO CO-SPONSOR IS TECHNICAL
DIFFICULTIES THAT U.S. HAS WITH HUMAN RIGHTS COVENANTS
MENTIONED PARA. 21 OF REFTEL THAT DR CALLS ON MEMBERS TO
RATIFY. END FYI.)

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2. WE DO, HOWEVER, HAVE PROBLEM WITH PARA. 12 OF REFTEL,

FOR WHICH DEL. IS REQUESTED TO SEEK CLARIFICATION FROM DUTCH DEL. REGARDING THEIR INTENTIONS. WE DO NOT CONSIDER IT USEFUL TO "EARMARK" POSSIBLE SAVINGS FROM ARMS REDUCTIONS TO CONTRIBUTIONS TO UN SYSTEM BUDGETS OR MORE GENERALLY TO LINK SUCH SAVINGS WITH CAPACITY OR DUTY TO PROVIDE ASSISTANCE. HOWEVER, WE DO, OF COURSE, AGREE THAT ARMS REDUCTIONS COULD RELEASE VALUABLE RESOURCES FOR

ACTION AGAINST THE PROBLEMS CITED IN THE PARAGRAPH. DEL. SHOULD THEREFORE URGE DUTCH TO AMEND PARAGRAPH ALONG THESE LINES "CONVINCED THAT ARMAMENTS REDUCTIONS COULD RELEASE VALUABLE RESOURCES FOR INCREASING ACTION AGAINST HUNGER, ETC."

3. IF DEL. UNABLE OBTAIN THESE CHANGES, DEL. MAY NEVERTHELESS SUPPORT RES. AS A WHOLE BUT SHOULD INCLUDE IN STATEMENT(PARAS.4-L, BELO) RPFFRPNCF TO US RESERVATYONS ABOUT THIS PARA. SUGGESTED LANGUAGE FOLLOWS: "MY DELEGATION WISHES TO NOTE ITS UNDERSTANDING OF THE NINTH PREAMBULAR PARAGRAPH. WE CERTAINLY SHARE THE CONVICTION STATED THERE THAT SAVINGS RESULTING FROM ARMAMENTS REDUCTIONS COULD RELEASE VALUABLE RESOURCES FOR INCREASING ACTION AGAINST HUNGER, DISEASE, IGNORANCE, ILLITERACY, AND OTHER EVILS OF UNDERDEVELOPMENT. BUT WHILE THE ACTIVITIES OF THE UNITED NATIONS SYSTEM IN THIS STRUGGLE MERIT FULL SUPPORT, WE DO NOT BELIEVE IT NECESSARY OR USEFUL TO PRESCRIBE IN ADVANCE THE SPECIFIC PURPOSES TO BE SERVED BY POSSIBLE REALLOCATIONS OF RESOURCES OR THE CHANNELS THROUGH WHICH SUCH REALLOCATIONS COULD BE MADE."

4. U.S. DEL. STATEMENT ON RESOLUTION SHOULD BE ALONG THE FOLLOWING LINES: "THE RESOLUTION PROPOSED BY THE DUTCH DELEGATION IS A USEFUL REMINDER OF THE MEANING OF UNESCO. RESPECT FOR HUMAN RIGHTS IS VERY MUCH A PART OF THE PURPOSE OF THE ORGANIZATION. AS STATED IN THE UNESCO CONSTITUTION, THAT PURPOSE IS "TO CONTRIBUTE TO PEACE AND SECURITY BY PROMOTING COLLABORATION AMONG THE NATIONS THROUGH EDUCATION, SCIENCE AND CULTURE IN ORDER TO FURTHER UNIVERSAL RESPECT FOR JUSTICE, FOR THE RULE OF LAW, AND FOR THE HUMAN RIGHTS AND FUNDAMENTAL FREEDOMS WHICH LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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ARE AFFIRMED FOR THE PEOPLES OF THE WORLD, WITHOUT DISTINCTION OF RACE, SEX, LANGUAGE OR RELIGION BY THE CHARTER OF THE UNITED NATIONS." IN DRAWING ATTENTION TO THE IMPORTANCE OF THE PROMOTION OF HUMAN RIGHTS AS AN ESSENTIAL PART OF ALL UNESCO'S ACTIVITIES, THE RESOLUTION UNDERLINES THE RELATIONSHIP OF UNESCO'S WORK TO THE GOAL OF STRENGTHENING JUSTICE AND PEACE IN THE WORLD. THE CONTINUING PROBLEMS OF RACIAL DISCRIMINATION, COLONIALISM

AND TOTALITARIANISM MENTIONED IN THE RESOLUTION INVOLVE ABUSES OF HUMAN RIGHTS IN THEIR MOST EXTREME FORMS AND THEY QUITE PROPERLY HAVE BEEN THE OBJECT OF SPECIAL CONCERN IN UNESCO AS WELL AS OTHER FORUMS OF THE UNITED NATIONS.

5. "WE THINK THAT UNESCO'S DIRECT ROLE IN PROMOTING OBSERVANCE OF HUMAN RIGHTS SHOULD EMPHASIZE THOSE BASIC

RIGHTS RELATING TO EDUCATION, SCIENCE AND CULTURE. IT IS IN THESE FIELDS THAT UNESCO CAN BRING A UNIQUE CONTRIBUTION TO THE OVERALL UNITED NATIONS EFFORTS TO PROMOTE UNIVERSAL RESPECT FOR HUMAN RIGHTS. WE SUGGEST THAT OF SPECIAL IMPORTANCE IN UNESCO'S PROGRAM FOR PROMOTING HUMAN RIGHTS SHOULD BE RIGHTS OF ETHNIC OR LINGUISTIC MINORITIES -- THEIR RIGHTS TO ENJOY THEIR OWN CULTURE, OR TO USE THEIR OWN LANGUAGE, IN COMMUNITY WITH OTHER MEMBERS OF THEIR GROUPS.

6. "THE RESOLUTION SERVES A USEFUL PURPOSE IN ITS PART II IN FOCUSING ATTENTION UPON THE IMPORTANT INSTRUMENTS WHICH EXIST TO STRENGTHEN THOSE BASIC HUMAN RIGHTS WHICH ARE OF SPECIAL INTEREST TO UNESCO. THE UNIVERSAL DECLARATION OF HUMAN RIGHTS RECOGNIZES THE RIGHT OF EVERYONE TO EDUCATION, THE RIGHT OF EVERYONE TO PARTICIPATE FREELY IN THE CULTURAL LIFE OF THE COMMUNITY, THE RIGHT TO FREEDOM OF THOUGHT, CONSCIENCE AND RELIGION, THE RIGHT TO FREEDOM OF OPINION AND EXPRESSION, THE RIGHT TO BE FREE FROM DISCRIMINATION. THESE BASIC HUMAN RIGHTS HAVE RECEIVED FURTHER PROTECTION THROUGH THE INTERNATIONAL COVENANTS ON HUMAN RIGHTS WHICH ARE THE SUBJECT OF THE OPERATIVE PARAGRAPH OF THE SECOND PART OF THE RESOLUTION. WE STRONGLY SUPPORT THIS RECOGNITION OF LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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THESE BASIC HUMAN RIGHTS AS WELL AS OF THE NEED FOR UNESCO TO ASSIST IN THEIR PROMOTION AND PROTECTION IN UNESCO'S FIELDS OF COMPETENCE." INGERSOLL

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